## OWI Advisory Committee Meeting Hawkeye Community College, Cedar Falls Sep 11, 2012

Attendees: Diane Thomas, Marcia Oltrogge, Kim Gamm, Richard Swanson, Nancy Tegeler, Joe Quinn, Lois Kiester, Kim Oaks, Tracy Schmidt, Michelle Cherrier, Jeff Frank, Barbara Ledvina, Janine Johnson

Guests: Eric Preuss, Iowa Dept of Public Health, and Michelle Ellison, Prime for Life

Handouts: OWI Survey results, Proposed Rules for Advisory Committee Review, Iowa Code chapter 21J.22

## 1. Non-English Speaking Clients:

- a. Is there a possibility of using tele-classes with another agency that has a non-English class?
  PFL doesn't recommend, since class is supposed to be interactive. There is a lot of data behind the face to face contact.
- b. DMACC has Spanish books available, so Spanish-speaking students can follow along
- c. ADDS is Burlington has quite a large Hmong population
- d. The Dept of Ed tries to keep the Facility Locator current, with facilities that have non-English classes available. If you notice your agency is not listed with a non-English class, but you do have one, let us know.
- e. Sometimes students can connect with another student, so translator may not be needed
- f. Concern that translator and student are not really translating the program, but just chit-chatting.
- g. It can be hard on the instructor to facilitate the class when translator is there, talking.
- 2. Proposed Program Rules

Went over the handout, made changes, and additions. Barb will send out a revised copy.

- 3. Program Fees
  - Is \$115.00 acceptable? If not, we need to make a data-informed decision. Is the cost of the workbook going up anytime soon? Michelle had to leave early, and missed this question, but Barb did not think the cost was going up. It was noted that lowa is one of the lowest cost of many mid-western states.
- 4. Survey Results: 34 agencies out of 50 responded to the survey. See addendum.
- 5. IDOT Concerns: Due to time restraints, we didn't cover this topic, but if anyone has any concerns, please forward them to Barb.
- 6. Committee Membership: in May 2013, we will be 2 years old, and it will be time to think about rotating off some members, and adding new members.
- 7. Next Meeting: Jan/Feb 2013, at the Department of Education in Des Moines.